

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph number [0002] as follows:

Hunters, ice fishermen or persons practicing other outdoor activities frequently need shelters to protect themselves during periods of inclement or cold weather. In general, situations arise where the shelter needs to be transported from one location to another, and in order to satisfy these needs, lightweight collapsible enclosures have been provided in the art. For example, United States Patent Nos. 5,628,338; 6,021,794; 3,865,429; 3,845,985; [[3,155,425]] 3,155,427; 5,368,057; 4,186,507; and 3,874,398; Canadian Patent Application S.N. 2,296,120; [[5,368,057; 4,186,507; and 3,874,398;]] and Canadian Patent No. 1,237,624, which are of general background interest to the present invention, describe shelters with structures, mainly collapsible, but which are very different from the structure of the shelter of the present invention. For example, most of these shelters do not incorporate a bench as part of their structures.

Please amend paragraph number [0007] as follows:

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a shelter foldable between an open, operative position and a closed, storage or carrying position. The shelter comprises first and second elongated planar side sections, each formed from elongated rear and front members. Cross members extend between and are secured to the rear and front members of each side section to rigidify each side section. A collapsible cross brace structure is pivotally and slidably secured to the rear members and the cross members to join the planar side sections and permit them to be moved between closed position adjacent each other and open position spaced from each other. A bench is secured to one of the cross members and pivotable therewith between a storage position parallel to its corresponding side section when

the shelter is in closed position, and a seating position extending over to and supported on a corresponding cross member on the other side section when the shelter is in open position. The bench is provided with means for releasably securing the bench on the corresponding cross member thereby locking the side sections in open position. A fabric material is secured to the elongated rear and front members so as to provide for a person seated on the bench, when the shelter is in open position, a protective covering from above, behind and the two sides.

Please amend paragraph number [0008] as follows:

According to a preferred embodiment, the cross brace structure comprises a pair of elongated arms centrally pivotally secured to each other, one end of each arm being pivotally secured to an opposite of the [[rear]] cross members and the other end of each arm being slidably secured to the other of the rear members. The slidable ends of the arms are preferably provided with sleeves secured thereto, so as to permit them to slide on their corresponding rear members between a first position when the shelter is in open position and a second position when the shelter is in closed position.

Please amend paragraph number [00021] as follows:

In a preferred embodiment of the shelter according to the present invention, the cross brace structure comprises a pair of elongated arms 36,38 which are centrally pivotally secured to each other at 40. One end of arm 38 is pivotally secured to [[elongated rear]] cross member [[20]] 27 at 42, and a corresponding end of arm 36 is pivotally secured to [[elongated rear]] cross member [[16]] 25 at 44. The other end of arm 38 is slidably

secured to elongated rear member 16 and the other end of arm 36 is slidably secured to elongated rear member 20. These ends of arms 36 and 38 are each provided with a sleeve 46 which permits each of these ends to slide along the corresponding elongated rear member, between a first position when the shelter is in open position, and a second position when the shelter is in closed position, as indicated by the arrows in Fig.3. The respective elongated rear and front members 16,20 and 20,22 can be spaced apart and a top portion of each rear member 16,20 can be curved over and secured to a corresponding top portion of the corresponding front member 18,22.

Please amend paragraph number [00025] as follows:

For carrying the shelter when in closed position, one or more hand or shoulder straps 62 [[or shoulder straps 64]] may be provided as illustrated.